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Amendment to the Claims

In response to the Office Action dated 10/1/2004, invention covered by Claims 10-18 has not been elected and has been cancelled. The invention covered by Claims 1-9 is elected, and Claims 1, 2, and 7 are amended (by deleting text shown in strikethrough, and additional text shown as underlined), as follows

"Claims

I Claim:

1. (Once Amended). A device for applying a wetted wallpaper border roll with a glued back and an unglued front to a receiving surface, comprising a: cylindrical cup portion with a circular top edge, and a circular bottom planar surface with a circular bottom edge, and a handle portion,

said cylindrical cup portion further comprising a longitudinal slot open at said circular top edge and closed at said circular bottom edge, a plurality of side slits symmetrically aligned along said cylindrical cup portion, and a plurality of pin holes symmetrically aligned adjacent to said circular top edge of said cylindrical cup portion,

wherein, with said wetted wallpaper border roll in ~~is placed into~~ said device with said glued back portion facing said receiving surface, and while simultaneously holding said handle portion, said user ~~submerges said device in water to wet said glued back, and~~ then aligns said device along a desired horizontal and vertical measurement of said receiving surface and swipes said device along a desired length of said receiving surface, thereby pulling said wallpaper border through said longitudinal slot of said cylindrical

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cup portion, and simultaneously adhering said glued back of said wallpaper border to said receiving surface, and further, anchoring said device to said receiving surface by conventional anchoring means, for hands free movement during application of said wallpaper border until all said wallpaper border is spent.

2. (Once Amended). Device according to **Claim 1**, wherein said cylindrical cup portion further comprises a flat circular cap portion with a rim portion, further comprising a notch, wherein said notched rim portion is aligned with said open end of said longitudinal slot, when said flat circular cap portion is friction fitted over said circular top edge of said cylindrical cup portion, in order to secure said wallpaper border into said device ~~during wetting~~ and to pull said wallpaper border freely through said longitudinal slot to avoid rubbing and tearing said wallpaper border on said rim portion.

3. Device according to **Claim 1**, wherein said plurality of side slits are aligned longitudinally along said cylindrical cup portion.

4. Device, according to **Claim 1**, wherein said plurality of side slits are aligned concentrically around said cylindrical cup portion.

5. Device, according to **Claim 1**, wherein said device is comprised of a one solid molded piece of waterproof plastic material, to enhance strength and durability.

6. Device, according to **Claim 1**, wherein said device is comprised of transparent waterproof plastic material, which enhances the viewing of the position of said wallpaper border inside said device in order to observe when said wallpaper border is nearing its end and needs to be replaced.

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7. (Once Amended). **Device, according to Claim 1**, wherein said device is comprised of plastic mesh material, which enhances the viewing of the position of said wallpaper border inside said device in order to observe when said wallpaper border is nearing its end and needs to be replaced, which increases the sufficiently of even water flow through said device to enhance the even wetting of said wallpaper border and reduce water logging of the wetted wallpaper border, and wherein said anchoring means is attached to said device through openings in said mesh material.

8. **Device, according to Claim 1**, wherein said anchoring means is attached to said device through one of a plurality of pin holes symmetrically aligned adjacent to said top edge of said cylindrical cup portion.

9. **Device, according to Claim 1**, wherein said handle portion of said device further comprises a flat circular planar top portion with a centrally located threaded male bolt means which threadedly attaches to a centrally located threaded female bore means on said circular bottom planar surface of said cylindrical cup portion.

~~10. A method for applying wallpaper border with a glued back and an unglued front to a receiving surface, comprising a: cylindrical cup portion with a circular top edge, and a circular bottom planar surface with a circular bottom edge, and attached to a handle portion;~~

~~said cylindrical cup portion further comprising a longitudinal slot open at said circular top edge and closed at said circular bottom edge, a plurality of side slits symmetrically aligned along said cylindrical cup portion;~~

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~~wherein, said wallpaper border is adhered to said receiving surface by use of a method comprising the following steps:~~

- ~~a) while simultaneously holding said handle portion, placing a roll of said wallpaper border into said device with said glued back facing said receiving surface;~~
- ~~b) submersing said device in water in order for water to seep through said plurality of side slits, said longitudinal slots, to wet said glued back;~~
- ~~c) aligning said device along a desired horizontal and vertical measurement of said receiving surface~~
- ~~d) swiping said device along a desired length of said receiving surface, thereby pulling said wallpaper border through said longitudinal slot of said cylindrical cup portion; in order to adhere said glued back of said wallpaper border to said receiving surface;~~
- ~~e) simultaneously anchoring said device to said receiving surface by conventional anchoring means, for hands free movement during application of said wallpaper border, until all said wallpaper border is spent.~~

~~11. Method according to Claim 10, wherein said cylindrical cup portion further comprises a circular shaped cap portion with a rim, said rim further comprising a notch portion, wherein said notched portion is aligned with said open end of said longitudinal slot, when rim portion of said flat circular cap portion is friction fitted over said circular top edge of said cylindrical cup portion, in order to secure said wallpaper border into said~~

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~~device during wetting and to pull said wallpaper border freely through said longitudinal slot to avoid rubbing and tearing said wallpaper border on said rim portion.~~

~~12. Method according to Claim 10, wherein said plurality of side slits are aligned longitudinally along said cylindrical cup portion.~~

~~13. Method, according to Claim 10, wherein said plurality of side slits are aligned concentrically around said cylindrical cup portion.~~

~~14. Method, according to Claim 10, wherein said device is comprised of a one solid molded piece of waterproof plastic material, to enhance strength and durability.~~

~~15. Method, according to Claim 10, wherein said device is comprised of transparent waterproof plastic material, which enhances the viewing of the position of said wallpaper border inside said device in order to observe when said wallpaper border is nearing its end and needs to be replaced.~~

~~16. Method, according to Claim 10, wherein said device is comprised of plastic mesh material, which enhances the viewing of the position of said wallpaper border inside said device in order to observe when said wallpaper border is nearing its end and needs to be replaced, which increases the sufficiently of water flow through said device to enhance the wetting of said wallpaper border, and wherein said anchoring means is attached to said device through openings in said mesh material.~~

~~17. Method, according to Claim 10, wherein said anchoring means is attached to said device through one of a plurality of pin holes symmetrically aligned adjacent to said top edge of said cylindrical cup portion.~~

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~~18. Method, according to Claim 10, wherein said handle portion of said device further comprises a flat circular planar top portion with a centrally located threaded male bolt means which threadedly attaches to a centrally located threaded female bore means on said circular bottom planar surface of said cylindrical cup portion."~~